



## ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES August 9, 2017

### **ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Beth Miller at 6:30PM.

**Attendance:** Joseph W. Halifko, Peter Longo, Beth Miller, Julie Soleil, Denise Summer

**Attorney:** Michael Celli, Esq.

**Absent:** Richard Ambrosio, William Heyniger

**Guests:** Marc Muller, Cindy Muller, Ray Dodd, Mary Jane Dodd

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Longo offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Halifko to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 12. All were in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Arbor Consulting Group; Tree Inventory presentation. All in favor for October monthly meeting
2. Tree Removal Ordinance discussion. Current Township of Neptune tree removal ordinance was reviewed as well as tree removal ordinances in other municipalities. The focus was on the current Residential exemptions for clearing less than an acre of trees. Citizen Board will complete a rough draft for changes to current ordinance, focus on protecting heritage trees and clear cutting lots in Exempt residential zones. Guests Listed above were then allowed to express their concerns for the current ordinance.

### **PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:**

1. PB17/09 Jon Gatarz minor subdivision Block 5005 Lot 12 401 Helen Terrace  
Concerns: Tree Preservation Fund Contribution The applicant of the subdivision should be required to contribute to escrow fund per current Township of Neptune tree removal ord. #10-04 Section (b) New Residential development  
(1) If the application is for a new residential development (subdivisions of site plans), up to fifty (50%) percent of the trees may be removed for the sole purpose of clearing for the building envelope. Driveways and yard space for said building lots only without replacement trees required.
2. PB17/01 DeVimy Equities (Family Dollar) resubmit revised plans. Block 808 Lot(s):5-8 No Comment

### **DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION**

1. Neptune Day: Topic is Birds Bird Houses, Bird Feeders, Raffle Bird House. List of Plants attract birds
2. Autumn Planting Project:

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM

Minutes submitted by Christopher A. Bedrosian, Secretary